

SUMMARY OF SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES

The attached mark-up is an amendment to the existing OCSE Policy Manual. Changes were made throughout the manual in order to update agency policy to conform with changes to federal regulations found in 45 CFR part 300 and State law enacted in the 2001 and 2003 General Sessions as it relates to child support enforcement.

IMPACT OF CHANGES TO THE OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT POLICY MANUAL

The Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) has successfully developed and implemented a program to assist families locate noncustodial parents; establish paternity; and establish, modify and enforce court ordered child and medical support obligations. Child support payments are collected and disbursed to families in accordance with state and federal law and regulations.

Recent changes in federal law with the Amendments to 45 CFR Part 300 and new state legislation aimed at meeting federal requirements require comprehensive changes to the current OCSE Policy Manual. The attached regulation will replace the existing policy manual and provide agency staff and the public with information concerning the rules and regulations governing the administration of the child support program.

OCSE does not anticipate any additional material costs to the program directly related to the policy manual changes. However, some increased costs are anticipated based on expenses associated with new procedures intended to increase the agency's ability to enforce medical support obligations.